

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

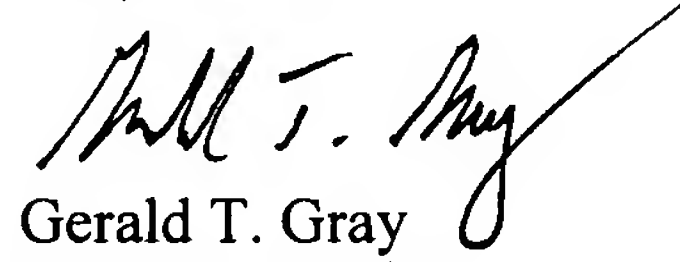
Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1-10 have been amended herein in order to better comply with US requirements and practice. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added herein.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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